

Meeting started 9:10am

- Meeting minutes approved

Introductions –

Safety Message –

- Safety Paperwork is important, a tool to communicate hazards, track performance, and manage safety.

Virtual Meetings –

- We will start to have virtual meetings and attempt to engage with more members. We will use a special “Owl” microphone that tracks the speaker in the room.

811 Day

- August 10<sup>th</sup> DayAir Ballpark
- Party Deck and Suite
- Need volunteers for the 811 Booth prior to the game.

Locate Discussion

- At least one contractor is having a very difficult time getting locate marks.
- Contractors refusing to call in locates.
  - Complaints can be filed against the contractor when this is discovered or is a normal operating procedure for the contractor.
- Company’s need to work together and resolve conflicts. Damages occur and mislocates may happen, and no one is perfect, but we need to be respectful of each other.
- When there is a damage the first concern should be the life and safety of the crew on site.
  - Arguments related to the damage is secondary and should take place after the site is deemed safe.
- Communication is key to successful coordination with locate companies, Utilities, and contractors. It is mutually beneficial for all involved and can foster positive experiences while defusing problematic situations.
  - “Street Sheet” meetings with companies to show what contractors are planning and where they are working.

Industry News

- MetroNet to be acquired by T-Mobile
- CenterPoint Energy announced the sale of Ohio assets.

Damages / Near Misses

- Make sure when a damage is made call in damage ticket into 811. Don’t call the facility owner.

#### Project Updates:

- Metronet working in Centerville and Washington Township
  - Working towards Xenia.
- CenterPoint retiring 4500 services in the Dayton area and beyond
- Montgomery County to remove additional 1000 nuisance properties by year end.

#### O.U.P.S. News and Coalition News

- Marking Standards update – Mark by measurements passed. New manuals will be printed.
- 45-day review – Size and scope of ticket standardization proposed 1320ft maximum size of ticket. Divided highway up to 5280ft. Large project ticket – Mandatory to have a virtual or in person meeting. Virtual must be an option. Project Manager responsible to schedule and setup meeting.
- Ticket Expiration – if contractor leaves for 16 days. Proposed.
- HB 227 up for review - [search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/api/v2/general\\_assembly\\_136/legislation/hb227/00\\_IN/pdf/](https://prod.lis.state.oh.us/api/v2/general_assembly_136/legislation/hb227/00_IN/pdf/)
  - Request
- 811 - 5k or other awareness events.